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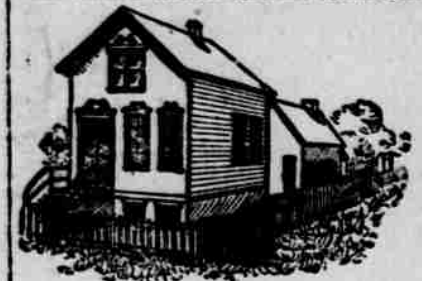
### THE CRONIN CASE.

The Trial of Dan Coughlin Begins at Chicago.

A SENSATION THE FIRST THING.

The State's Attorney Secures an Adjournment and Rumors of Jury Bribing Fly Through the Air--Short Story of the Murder Which Caused Such a Sensation in Irish Circles in 1889--New and Important Evidence.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Daniel Coughlin, the ex-detective and only surviving defendant in the Cronin case, famous in criminal history, was placed on trial for his life the second time. The scene in Judge Tutthill's court room on the second floor of the county building when Kickham Scanlan entered upon his opening address to the jury presented a different picture to that of Aug. 26, 1889, when the five defendants—Dan Coughlin, John F. Beggs, Martin Bourk, Patrick O'Sullivan, and John P. Kunze—were marched into Judge McConnell's court in the old building on the north side where they remained on trial until Dec. 16, 1889, of Dr. Patrick Henry Cronin, the enthusiast on Irish affairs. The murder was committed, it is charged, at the Carlson cottage, at 1672 North Ashland avenue, and on May 23 the victim's mutilated and partially decomposed body was found by a workman in a catch basin at the southeast corner of Evanston avenue and Fifty-ninth street, three miles distant from the scene of the tragedy.



WHERE CRONIN WAS MURDERED.

On Dec. 10, after three days of excited deliberation, during which there were threatened fistfights in the juryroom, a verdict was returned acquitting Beggs, giving Coughlin, Bourk and O'Sullivan penitentiary terms for the rest of their lives, and fixing Kunze's punishment at three years in the penitentiary, which he escaped by a new trial which was not pushed. He is at liberty today while Bourk and O'Sullivan died at Joliet prison. Beggs did not long survive the trial, having died of pneumonia at his home on the west side. Associated with State's Attorney Kern in the prosecution are his assistant, E. S. Bottom, and Kickham Scanlan. Ex-Judge Wing and Daniel Donohoe are the defendant's attorneys. All the daily papers, the press associations, and several outside papers are represented by their reporters and correspondents. Present in court were Dan's wife and also his father, Dennis Coughlin of Hancock, Mich. Coughlin's little girl, who was seen during the former trial, is now old enough to understand the meaning of the father's position and will not appear during the trial of her father.

An Intelligent Jury.

Judge Tutthill has issued instructions to admit the general public until the seats are comfortably filled, after which persons not having business in court will not be admitted, regardless of their "pull" or excuses. A big police man sits outside the door, and several bailiffs are present to preserve order. The jury consists of intelligent looking men, who swore to their unbiased condition of mind. Mr. Scanlan said that many of the stories circulated lately relating to the discovery of sensational evidence were without foundation in some cases and overdrawn in others. It is evident the main hope is centered in Mrs. Andrew Foy as far as new evidence is concerned. It is said she will testify that Coughlin, Cooney the Fox, and Martin Bourk frequently held secret interviews in her house and that that fact would strengthen the circumstantial evidence to be presented. It is expected the trial will continue until the middle of January.

Rumors of Bribery.

After securing adjournment in the Coughlin trial State's Attorney Kern said that a plot to bribe the jury had been discovered. Developments of a highly sensational character are promised, and if Kern's plans do not miscarry he will probably ask Judge Tutthill to remove two jurors when court convenes. Rumors of jury bribing flew thick and fast around the court room, and considerable significance was attached to Mr. Bottom's statement to the court that he had "grave reasons" for requesting the adjournment. The state's attorney is also quoted as saying that he would shortly send the conspirators to the penitentiary on undisputed evidence. Both Kickham Scanlan and Mr. Bottom left Judge Tutthill's private chamber in an excited condition of mind.

Denies the Steel Trust Story.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24.—F. T. Lovejoy, of the Carnegie Steel company, denies emphatically the story that a gigantic steel trust is being organized.

TO KILL VON CAPRIVI.  
Anarchists Send an Infernal Machine to the Chancellor.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Great excitement was caused among the attaches of the chancellery by an attempt to assassinate Chancellor von Caprivi or some other official. A parcel addressed to the chancellery, supposedly from Arlen, a village in Pader, was received at the chancellery. Colonel Ebmeyer, the chancellor's aide, began to open the parcel, when he noticed a few grains of gunpowder falling out of it. He immediately dispatched the parcel to a police station, with the intimation that he thought it an infernal machine. The police placed the parcel in water and gave it a thorough soaking, after which they examined it. When the wrappings were removed a striking cap was found attached to what proved beyond doubt to be an infernal machine. One report states that this cap exploded while the police were examining the machine, but owing to the contents of the parcel being saturated with water failed to cause an explosion.

Calprits Who Are Wanted.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 23.—The governor has issued a requisition on the governor of Iowa for Charles Griffin, wanted in Scott county for the murder of Edward G. Jones and under arrest at Keokuk. The governor has received a petition asking him to request Secretary of State Gresham to institute proper proceedings for the extradition of Robert C. H. Huntington, now in custody at Costa Rica, and wanted in Chicago for embezzling \$30,000 from the House Building and Loan association.

West Through a Bridge.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Nov. 23.—Freight train No. 76, east-bound on the Baltimore and Ohio, was derailed by an axle breaking on a car, on a bridge near Hyndman, Pa., eighteen miles west of here. The bridge was completely torn down and fifteen cars were precipitated to the creek below. Seven tramps were on the train just before the accident occurred and are supposed to be under the wrecked cars in the creek. The cars were all loaded with coal.

Passenger Steamer Aground.

ROSEAU, Ont., Nov. 23.—The passenger steamer Sunbeam, en route from Port Gregory to Roseau with a party of missionaries on board, ran hard aground on Renshaw's reef, one of the best known shoals in Lake Roseau. The passengers and crew were taken off by a passing steamer. The captain says the shoal must have shifted position under the influence of the recent heavy gales. The vessel lies easy with her hold full water.

Wants a Receiver Appointed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 23.—A Journal special from Stillwater says that Hiram Berkey of Marine has petitioned for the appointment of a receiver for ex-Senator D. M. Sabin. Berkey obtained judgement in January, 1893, against Sabin and others for over \$10,000, and claims he has been able to collect less than \$3,000 from Sabin. A settlement without a receivership is predicted.

Resigned His Position.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Martin J. Russell, for years an editorial power on The Times, has tendered his resignation from that paper. Mr. Russell's action was prompted by an editorial attack upon President Cleveland and Washington Irving, whom Cleveland appointed postmaster at Chicago, which he repudiates and for which he refuses to be held responsible.

Terrible Suffering at Sea.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A letter has been received describing the terrible sufferings of the crew of the British ship Mendoza, which recently foundered near Martinique. The captain and a majority of the crew died of fever at sea and the men who were left were unable to navigate the vessel and she sank, only four of the crew being rescued.

Business Portion Burned.

STATOR, Ill., Nov. 23.—The business part of the village of Kaugley, on the Illinois Valley and Northern railroad, four miles northwest of this city, was destroyed by fire. The fire started in a shoemaker's shop, on the main street, and rapidly spread to the frame stores and consumed them. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

To Form a New Cabinet.

ROME, Nov. 23.—King Humbert has charged Signor Giuseppe Zanardelli, president of the chamber of deputies, with the formation of a cabinet. Signor Rattazzi, comptroller of the royal household, has been dismissed. He is accused of being one of the chief authors of the bank corruption.

Big Steel Plant Deal.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 23.—Negotiations have been practically completed whereby the steel plant at this place will pass into the hands of the Rockefeller or the Standard Oil syndicate. The plant to be taken by the Rockefellers is the one built by Weeks while president of the land company.

Caught Under a Cable Car.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Francis Agnew, ex-sheriff and a member of the firm of Agnew & Co., the contractors who built the Manufacturers building, was caught under a cable car and so badly hurt that he is expected to die.

Brewers Fight a Boycott.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—The Beer Drivers' union having boycotted the product of one of the city breweries, the latter have combined and refuse to sell beer to any one who will not take the beer they propose he shall.

Mobilizing Russian Forces.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—The Grand Duke Vladimir has ordered an immediate inspection of the reserve ordnance stores. This order is another step in preparing the rapid mobilization.

Long Strike Settled.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 23.—The strike which has been in order in the woolen mill district of Pawtucket, near this city, since Oct. 1, and which affected 15,000 people in all, 6,000 being members in the strike, has been practically settled.

### VERY LATEST TWO DISCHARGED.

Jurors in the Coughlin Case Disqualified.

A \$100,000 Fire at Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Fatal Railroad Wreck at Conneaut, Ohio.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Jurors Wilson and Gates, suspected of taking bribes in the Coughlin case, were dismissed this morning.

Fatal Railway Collision.

CONNEAUT, Ohio, Nov. 23.—A head-end freight collision last night on the Lake Shore resulted in the instant death of two men, and the fatal injury of two.

Another Wreck.

LUTCHER, Miss., Nov. 23.—A tie on the track of the Mississippi Valley road caused the wreck of a gravel train. The engineer and fireman were killed, and three were seriously injured.

Big Fire at Oil City.

OIL CITY, Pa., Nov. 23.—Fire broke out in a restaurant here this morning, and spread over a large area. The loss is \$100,000. Five persons are thought to have perished.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

William Dumford shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Lizzie Howard on the steps of a Philadelphia hotel. Jealousy was the cause. Dumford escaped.

George Ayrey committed suicide at his home in Green Valley, Ill., by blowing his head off.

General Julius Stahel of New York has received from the war department a gold medal for gallantry displayed at the battle of Piedmont, June 5, 1864, while commanding the cavalry under General Hunter.

Governor McKinley attended the football game at Springfield, Mass., and was given a reception in the evening by the athletic club.

S. C. Curtis, aged 63, who deserted his family at Cisco, Tex., a year ago and eloped with a young woman, has been arrested at Purcell, I. T.

John Ward, aged 22, of Pana, Ill., attempted to board a train and was fatally injured.

Cornelius Vanderbilt is said to have given \$1,000,000 to religious work in the last two years.

Charles Peck was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for assaulting a 5-year-old girl by a jury at Hillsboro, N. H.

Edith Padden committed suicide by shooting herself at Devil's Lake, N. D. She left a letter addressed to the public saying she was tired of life. She was married and leaves three children.

George Jordan shot and killed himself near Connorsville, Ind. He leaves a widow and four children. Financial trouble was the cause.

Colonel Sillaway, who served on General McClellan's staff in 1862, is said to be the man who first called the United States flag "Old Glory." He now resides in Boston, is 75 years of age, and in poverty.

Secretary Herbert, in his annual report, will call for five new ships—one battleship of about 10,000 tons and four torpedo cruisers.

John Bones' 2-year-old child was burned to death at Portland, Ind., during its mother's temporary absence from the room.

Grown Old and Dependent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—An old man known as Augustus M. Scriba, who committed suicide in poor lodgings, was formerly well known in New York, and he came here from Portland, Or., where he was in 1892 vice president of the National Guarantee and Trust company. He was evidently in search of employment, and having always been a man of position, he objected to taking a menial place.

Found Dead in Bed.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 23.—William W. Marmion, wholesale druggist, was found dead in bed from apoplexy. He was aged 61 and was Bloomington's oldest merchant.

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